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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CABINDA

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1. EMBASSY HERE HAS HAD NO INDICATION THAT GOP IS WORKING TO MAKE CABINDA INDEPENDENT STATE. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OF COURSE, ASSURES US THAT PORTUGAL HAS NO INTENTION OF FOMENTING "BALKANIZATION" OF ANGOLA. HOWEVER, MINISTRY HAS SOME DOUBT ABOUT KINSHASA'S POSITION AND FEELS THAT ZAIRE IS INTERESTED IN ARRANGEMENT IN CABINDA WHEREBY ZAIRE WOULD HAVE SPECIAL ACCESS TO CABINDA RESOURCES. MINISTRY BELIEVES THIS COULD LEAD TO ZAIRIAN SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE.

2. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT GOP WOULD SEE ADVANTAGE TO PORTUGAL IN SUPPORTING CABINDAN INDEPENDENCE AT THIS TIME. GOP HAS GREAT HOOPES THAT OUTCOME IN ANGOLA WILL RESULT IN FREE ANGOLA WITH CLOSE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LINKS TO PORTUGAL. ANY EVIDENCE THAT GOP IS SUPPORTING
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CABINDAN INDEPENDENCE WOULD SEVERELY DAMAGE PORTUGUESE EFFORTS

AT WORKING OUT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WITH ANGOLAN LIBERATION
GROUPS.
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